

## A NEW SPECIES OF INDIAN WAX-PRODUCING BEE.

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About two years ago Mr. J. H. Burkill, Reporter on Economic Products to the Government of India, sent me for identification some specimens belonging to two species of Dammar-bees. One species proved to be the common *Melipona iridipennis*, the other is smaller than any described Indian species, and I propose to name it after Mr. A. M. F. Caccia, of the Indian Forest Department, who obtained the specimens. The delay which has taken place in the publication of the description is owing to my manuscript having been somehow mislaid since I left India.

## MELIPONA CACCIE, n. sp.

Smooth and shining; a well marked carina between the antennæ. Head and thorax brownish-black; abdomen dark red, especially dark towards the apex, where it is almost black in some specimens, mandibles, scape of the antennæ, tegulæ and tarsi light red; flagellum of antennæ and tibiæ darker red; clypeus and front with short grey pubescence: thorax and abdomen with a little sparse pubescence of the same colour: wings clear, hyaline and iridescent.

*Length.*—2—2.25 mm.

*Habitat.*—Hoshangabad, Central Provinces.